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PRODUCTION IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile production in the handloom sector has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, actual production in this sector alongwith its value during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) the number of persons given employment under this sector during each of the above mentioned years; and

(d) the average income of a worker at present in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The actual production of handloom cloth during the years 1998 - 99, 1999 - 2000 and 2000 - 2001 as estimated, has been as below:

YEAR	PRODUCTION (in Million sq. Mtrs.)
1998 - 1999	6792.00
1999 - 2000	7352.00
2000 - 2001	7506.00

Because of the decentralised nature of the handloom sector and the wide variation in the prices of the fabrics produced in that sector depending on the various fibres and their combinations, the value of production cannot be worked out.

(c) As per available information, about 124 lakh persons have been engaged in handloom weaving and allied activities.

(d) There is no authentic information on the prevailing average monthly income of the handloom weaver in the country as it varies from place to place; variety of fabric woven and the number of days of employment.